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This document serves to summarize the work of the Senate over the past Academic Year. The
Senate Executive Committee would like to formally acknowledge the collective efforts of
faculty across campus as we continue to improve our community. This is the first Faculty
Senate Year End report that has been made available since the 2018-19 Academic Year.

The Faculty Senate met nine times, hosted three faculty assemblies and one faculty forum
during the 2023-24 Academic Year. The Senate voted to endorse the following action items:
x A communication flow chart
x Constitutional Amendments and new Senate rules
x Three undergraduate degree programs, two minors, one new master’s degree, and
four accelerated dual degree programs
x Two university policies and two procedures
x Recommendations from seven task forces
x Honors Program recommendations

Senate also discussed faculty concerns about students that are accepted to the university
but have a documented low retention rate.

Some significant accomplishments that the Senate Executive Committee noted during its
retreat in June 2024 included:
x Task Forces completing their work and providing recommendations to Senate
x An audit of the task forces and resolutions from the past five years
x Increasing transparency in decision making at the university through multiple
mechanisms, including:
o Open Q&A with the President and Provost at the beginning of every 唣㖀An years �“�ôÙ�‹�ô2�ÍeÑ�"�è\�î�ô2eÙ�“�ôÙ�‹�ô2�ÍeI�è�“�ôÙ�‹�ô2�Íe�è	�è�“�ôÙ�‹�ô2�ÍeC„•�è�„X�òP\Ùñ�6EB�ˆ@Ù�ôX…Ù�ŽU#5€�N���‘P=P@�è@@X…Ù�ŽU#5€�@N�„• �î�ôÙ�î�¿/U�Í•=•�„X�ÐP6DI�„XÙ:Ù:1�½e�Íˆ�€�ôÙ•@}�ôÙ�ô¯:Xe\Ù:"�è�a'’ë@�èjeàÙ2�è+j�î2À"�è
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important university business. The Special Rules were approved during the November 2023
meeting by a vote of 23 In-Favor, 2 Opposed.

Additional constitutional amendment
During the process of making amendments to accommodate electronic meetings, the
Faculty Senate Executive Committee thought it would be good to amend other parts of the
Constitution as part of the housekeeping process. These amendments established the
following:
x Both the Senate and the Senate Executive Committee may hold special meetings
x Library Faculty elections to the Standing Committee on Research and Professional
Development was altered so that is synchronous with other Standing Committee
elections
x Titles for ex-oficio members of Standing Committees were updated
x ‘Discipline’ was removed as one of the charges for the Standing Committee on
Student Affairs.

Since these additional amendments were considered under the same vote as above, they
were approved during the October 2023 meeting by a vote of 28 In-Favor, 1 Opposed.

Facilitating Academic Program review
The Faculty Senate Executive Committee put forth a motion to strike Part 2a from the ‘Senate
Internal Procedure for the Consideration of Motions- First & Second Readings’. This
eliminated academic proposals as ‘major motions’, thereby reducing the requirement of a
second reading for academic proposals on the Senate Floor. This motion passed with 28 In-Favor, 2 Opposed.

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The Standing Committee on Academic Programs and Planning reviewed two proposals for
new undergraduate degrees, one degree change from a BA to a BS, one new graduate degree,
two minors, and five accelerated degree pathways. Their critical and thorough review of each
academic proposal is made available at least one week prior to each Senate meeting, which
facilitates the deliberative process by the Senate body.

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Procedural inconsistencies for attribute approval were identified in the Task Force
report. Faculty Senate endorsed the recommendation to “Create a common set of
procedures and systems for applying for any attribute” (27 In-Favor, 1 Opposed). In
addition, the Senate unanimously endorsed the recommendation to “Create a
procedure for modifying the definition or requirements of an AHVI attribute that
requires broader approval from stakeholders” (27 In-Favor, 0 Opposed).

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Committee established membership of this task force during the May retreat. The
task force final report is anticipated prior to the May 2025 retreat.

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x The Faculty Senate Committee on Administration and Finance performed an Audit of
Task Forces and Resolutions that occurred over the last five years (see March meeting
documentation). This audit serves several as an opportunity for both the Senate and
Administration to identify examples of exemplary shared governance, to determine
areas that may need further attention or follow up, and to revisit prior concerns or
issues that are no longer relevant. This check-in will help to frame conversations
surrounding the shared governance process and strategic planning in the upcoming
academic year.
x Faculty Senate worked collaboratively with Academic Affairs to develop a Decision
Flow Chart that was unanimously endorsed by the Senate during the March meeting
(33 In-Favor, 0 Opposed).
x During the March meeting, Dr. Joshua Duntley was invited to discuss a series of
Honors Program recommendations that were made based upon the external
consultant report by Dr. Kevin Dean (West Chester University) in Spring 2023.
Following review by the Honors Council, Dr. Duntley drafted a letter dated July 1, 2023
emphasizing the importance of these recommendations as they relate to supporting
the Honors Program. Faculty Senate unanimously endorsed Dr. Duntley’s letter (31
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